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## CIA's New Boss— Wall Street Law To Washington

Even before the failure of the Cuban invasion last spring, it was an open secret in Washington that sooner or later President Kennedy planned to replace Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency—more probably sooner than later. The two men had never established a close personal relationship, and Mr. Kennedy felt that, in the twilight of a brilliant career, the 68-year-old Dulles lacked the cold toughness needed to overhaul the agency.

After Cuba—although the President refrained from joining the chorus of blame heaped on Dulles—a new CIA director became the Administration's top personnel objective. Scores of names were suggested, among them Gen. Telford Taylor, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, and McGeorge Bundy; still the search went on.

**Search's End:** NEWSWEEK learned last week that the Administration has finally found its man—50-year-old Wall Street lawyer Fowler Hamilton. A one-time Rhodes scholar, Democrat Hamilton had been in and out of government service during the past twenty years, notably as chief legal counsel to the Justice Department and as wartime chief of the Enemy Branch of the Board of Economic



Hamilton: Into the big job

Warfare, with the task of keeping strategic materials from the Axis.

Some weeks ago, Hamilton slipped into the White House through the basement entrance for a final interview with the President. This was followed by an equally sub rosa visit to Dulles at CIA headquarters. It was agreed that Hamilton should shortly move into an office near Dulles and work with him for the rest of the summer. He would not actually take over until October, after Dulles moves the CIA into its new \$46 million headquarters, his pride and joy.

Hamilton is known as a natural courtroom lawyer, with a lightning-quick mind and prodigious command of a polysyllabic vocabulary. A native of Kansas City, Mo., he attended the University of Missouri before going to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. He and his wife now live in Greenwich, Conn.; they have two daughters and a son. Currently he is a partner of the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly, and Hamilton.